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Family and Children's Trust Fund Present Awards for Family Violence Prevention

Richmond --The Family and Children's Trust Fund hosted a conference and award ceremony today to recognize volunteers and community programs that have made a difference in the lives of children and families in Virginia. Four volunteers and four community programs were honored for outstanding efforts to prevent and treat family violence. The honorees represent all areas of the Commonwealth and work with families at risk of domestic violence, child abuse, neglect and sexual assault.

"Without their dedication and spirit, Virginia's many family violence programs would be less successful. Effective local programs draw upon the resources in their communities such as the individuals being honored by the Family and Children's Trust Fund," said keynote speaker Dean Lynch, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

John Littel, Chair, Family and Children's Trust Fund added, "Our Board's mission is to support family violence prevention, treatment and public awareness in Virginia. These programs and individuals being honored today are excellent examples of how to marshal local resources, engage a broad base in the community and make good use of resources to help the many families in Virginia who are victims of violence."

The volunteer honorees include:

Irene Condie, Project Horizon, Lexington

Ms. Condie has volunteered at Project Horizon's crisis hotline for three years. Her efforts have provided support and assistance to families in crisis as a result of domestic violence.

Keith Morris, Citizens Against Sexual Assault, Harrisonburg

Mr. Morris is a long-time volunteer with Citizens Against Sexual Assault. He serves on the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force and the "Stop it Now" Advisory Board, and has provided direct services to approximately 400 individuals in the community.

Linda Johnson, Alexandria/Arlington Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program, Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia, Alexandria

Ms. Johnson has volunteered with the CASA program since 1999, devoting over 2,500 hours working with foster parents, social workers, family members and school personnel to facilitate communication on her CASA children's cases.

Alice King, Time to Fly Foundation, Reston

Ms. King has volunteered for Time to Fly Foundation for two years, serving women and children who are at risk for family violence.

The community program honorees include:

CASA of Central Virginia, Lynchburg

CASA of Central Virginia initiated a collaboration of public and private agencies in Campbell County and Lynchburg to provide post-court supervision support for families at risk of violence.

Homestretch, Falls Church

Homestretch provides a range of services to homeless families in Fairfax County.

KidsHelp Program, Mathews County

The KidsHelp Program provides intensive in-home services to children and families with a history of child abuse/neglect.

Project Horizon, Lexington

Project Horizon serves families in Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County and works to increase knowledge of family violence, teen dating violence and sexual assault.

The Family and Children's Trust Fund supports family violence prevention, treatment and public awareness activities through public/private partnerships and collaboration.

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